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**FOR A COMPUTER DEVICE FOR INPUTTING CONTROL SIGNALS FOR A COMPUTER-BASED  
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**US Patent No. 6,105,961 (*Price*)**

**US Patent No. 6,176,780 (*Sega Enterprises Ltd.*)**

**US Patent No. 6,048,271 (*Barcelou*)**

**EP Patent No. 0071690 (*Firm MODEL RACING S.P.A.*)**

**EP Patent No. 1306112 (*Konami Corp.*)**

**EP Patent No. 1080753 (*Namco Ltd.*)**

**EP Patent No. 1226852 (*Microsoft Corp.*)**

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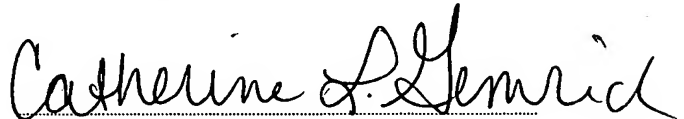
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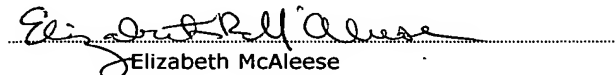
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